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Dear Louisiana Citizens:

The 2006-2007 School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) Annual Services Report represents Louisiana's commitment to our children. It is with great pleasure that I present this report to you. The past year has been one of recovery for Louisiana, and the SBHCs worked hard to lead the way in their communities. Almost all of the SBHCs damaged or destroyed as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have been either relocated or reopened. Those sponsors, who were not able to relocate this year, are planning to open a SBHC in the next year. The people of Louisiana have overcome many challenges and with a renewed determination are moving confidently into the future.

Louisiana continues to be a leader in providing quality primary and preventative health care services to students on their school campus, where they spend much of their time. Thanks to the leadership of Governor Blanco and the Louisiana Legislature an additional \$1.6 million was appropriated during the 2006 Legislative Session for planning new SBHCs, increasing existing SBHC contracts, and for SBHC facility development in New Orleans' Recovery School District. In addition in the Greater New Orleans area, W. K. Kellogg Foundation dollars awarded to the Louisiana Public Health Institute, were used to fund the planning of a SBHC, as well as to assist in the reestablishment and expansion of SBHCs damaged and destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. As a result, new SBHCs are anticipated to open in Caddo, Jefferson, Orleans, Ouachita, Pointe Coupee, Natchitoches, Richland, St. Bernard, St. Mary and Washington parishes in the 2007-2008 school year.

SBHCs succeed in part because they rely on the community to be involved and contribute their unique gifts. It is my sincere hope that in time, every parish will have the benefits of a SBHC. Let us enjoy our accomplishments of today as we plan and work to ensure the future of Louisiana's SBHCs. I would like to thank all of those who have made these health centers possible.

Sincerely.

Roxane Al Townsend, M.D.

Secretary

Executive Summary

In 1991, with the passage of the Adolescent School Health Initiative Act, the Office of Public Health was authorized to facilitate the establishment of school-based health centers (SBHCs). At that time there were only 3 SBHCs in the State. With the continued support of the Louisiana Legislature, communities and stakeholders, the number of SBHCs in Louisiana has steadily increased from 3 to 56 SBHCs. Each SBHC is staffed by a multi-disciplinary team of health care professionals who provide comprehensive primary and preventive physical and mental health services and health education to children and adolescents. Some SBHCs are fortunate to also be able to provide dental health and psychiatric services onsite.

After Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the critical role of SBHCs as a safety net provider for children and adolescents was affirmed. Additional State dollars were appropriated in 2006-2007 for additional SBHCs. These dollars, along with W.K. Kellogg Foundation and DHH/Bureau of Primary Care dollars have funded 11 communities to plan for new SBHCs that will become operational in 2007-2008. These new SBHCs will be located in Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, Pointe Coupee, St. Mary, Richland, Ouachita, Natchitoches and Washington parishes. Three of these parishes, St. Mary, Pointe Coupee and St. Bernard have never before had a SBHC.

Section One, Program Highlights & Overview, details the history of the program, current location of SBHCs, the year's important events, standards governing operation, the continuous quality improvement program, and SBHCs' Best Practices Initiative. There is a special piece on the crucial role partnerships play in enhancing and expanding SBHC service delivery.

Section Two, Who Visits SBHCs and Why, graphically displays why students visit SBHCs, including the top 10 reasons for a clinic visit. It includes information on visits by grade, gender, and ethnicity.

Section Three, Louisiana SBHCs Profiles, contains descriptive information on each SBHC, including names of community partners and advisory committee members. The community planning committees for the new centers are also included.

Appendices A-C include (A) examples of diagnoses regularly seen in the SBHC; (B) the text of the State law that created the program; (C) and the financial statement for the Adolescent School Health Initiative/Office of Public Health for State fiscal year 2006-2007.

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